

New Mexico Library Association
First Business Meeting April 15, 1970
Hilton Hotel, Albuquerque, New Mexico

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 by the President, Mrs. Helen Melton.

Minutes of the second business meeting, April 18, 1969, were published in the Summer issue of New Mexico Libraries. The minutes were approved as published. The Treasurer's report, as of April 15, 1970, showed total disbursements, \$1,400.32; balance on hand, \$6,400.51; total assets, including bonds, \$7,878.93. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

ALA Councilor, Pearce Grove, reported pressures upon that organization for greater involvement in social issues while there are also pressures to expand professional responsibilities. A committee on New Directions for ALA was appointed and met in an open meeting at the Association's Mid-Winter Convention where many topics were presented for discussion. Although wide participation of membership is encouraged, Mr. Grove said, the ALA Governing Council needs time to give careful consideration to ALA business. Mr. Grove stated that copies of the report on New Directions for ALA had been distributed. He requested the Association to give him a demonstration of opinion on the report before the Detroit meeting. The Executive Board discussed the contents of the report. Mr. Grove read the motion of the Executive Board of NMLA that it go on record that ALA Chapter Councilor be retained in order to continue geographical representation in the American Library Association. He asked that the general membership consider action on this statement and forward its suggestions, through him, to the ALA June Council meeting. Doris Cox moved the membership go on record as endorsing the Executive Board's statement. Dorothy Rosen seconded. The motion carried.

There was no SWLA report.

Committee reports, both standing and special committees, published in the Spring, 1970, New Mexico Libraries had been approved by the Executive Board. Opportunity for questions and discussion by membership was presented. There were no questions of the Scholarship and Recruitment, Legislation and Intellectual Freedom, Historical Materials, General Publicity and National Library Week, Editorial, and Documents Committees.

Miss Ketola, Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee brought to the Association an amendment to the Constitution, Article VI I, Section 2: The State Librarian, the Editor of New Mexico Libraries and the Chairmen of standing committees shall serve as non-voting, ex-officio members of the Executive Board, except that when they may be officers of the Association, in which case they shall have the right to vote. The Amendment will delete "the State Librarian" so that Section 2 shall read: The Editor of New Mexico Libraries and the Chairmen of the standing committees shall serve as non-voting, ex-officio members of the Executive Board, except when they may be officers of the Association in which case they shall have the right to vote. She moved the Association accept the amendment. Phoebe Harris seconded. Discussion followed. Mr. Ruoss called for the question. The motion carried.

Special committees' reports were opened to the membership. There were no questions of Committee on Professional Development. Mrs. Melton asked that the Position Paper on Status of Academic Librarian be read. This was postponed until a copy of the position paper was secured. The report of the Committee to Extend Library Services was not questioned.

Miss Ketola read the proposed slate of officers to be voted on at the second business meeting. The candidates were asked to stand. Miss Ketola read the Constitutional provision to permit nomination from the floor. No nominations were forthcoming.

The recommendation of the Committee for the Use of Vella Galle's Research was presented. Dr. Dyke stated his feeling that the Association retain the scholarship program free of conditions and on the high level of the past. Roberta Allen, Chairman, noted that these were proposals, not definite courses of action. There were no questions of the Award Committee report.

Mr. Maxwell, Chairman of the SWLA-ALA Chapter Relations Project Survey Team, said that the committee would assemble in the Pueblo Room after the business meeting to talk with anyone who wished to know more about the Project. Mrs. Trester read the Position Paper on Academic Status for New Mexico College and University Librarians. Mr. Reichmann moved the Association enthusiastically endorse the position paper. This was seconded by Crowell Dean. The motion carried.

Mrs. Melton commended the committees for their fine work during the year.

Resolutions are now to be written out and presented at the first business meeting. Mrs. Melton asked for motions to be put before the Association. Miss Ketola presented a resolution concerning the Association's position on the State Purchases Act. Mr. Sabatini seconded. After discussion on the floor, Mr. Sabatini moved to table the resolution. More discussion followed. Mr. Sabatini withdrew the motion to table. Miss Ketola withdrew the resolution. Mr. Sabatini made and, after further discussion, withdrew a motion to suspend the rule in order to present a revised resolution at the second business meeting.

There was no old business and no new business. Announcements were made. Mrs. Virginia Jennings read the following statement, "At this time I would like to publicly express my deep appreciation for Mrs. Alice Bullock's presentation for National Library Week on April 12, 1970, in the New Mexican newspaper. There is a copy attached to the bulletin board beside the registration desk. I do have additional copies if anyone wants one."

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Elinor F. McCloskey, Secretary